
POLICY 1.20 BOARD AUTHORITY, ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education's authority is established within the *School Act* and its regulations. The authorities and responsibilities of the Board rest only with the legally constituted Board, and not with committees of Trustees or individual Trustees.

The Board has, as its primary role, the governance of the district and is responsible for the improvement of student achievement within the district. The Board fulfills this role, in part, through the development of a strategic plan that establishes the direction for the district and aligns the work of staff and directs district resources.

The Board also has foundational responsibilities to actively protect the interests, image and integrity of the district; to ensure its financial viability; and to act in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Board functions as a corporate Board and speaks with one voice.
2. The Board makes decisions with the benefit of the whole district in mind.
3. The Board operates in an open and transparent manner, and debate on agenda items is conducted within Board meetings.
4. The Board establishes a strategic plan and provides clear direction through bylaws, policies and an annual budget.
5. The Board monitors district outcomes and progress through regular reporting by the Superintendent.
6. The Board acts in the interests of all learners in the district, advocating for students, their learning and their well-being.